

# **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 31, 2005**

Chairs Farrell and Stamsta called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Duane Stamsta (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Andy Kallin, Bill Kramer, and Sandy Wolff. **Absent:** Rob Hutton.

**Board Members Present:** Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), JoAnn Weidmann, John Guy, and Richard Wutt; and Supervisor Vera Stroud. Supervisor Mareth Kipp arrived at 1:03 p.m. and left at 3:30 p.m. **Absent:** Supervisor Duane Paulson and Citizen Member Michael O'Brien.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Waukesha Training Center Operations Manager Guy Bretl, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Chair Kathleen Adams, Parent & Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP) Staff Julie Turkoski, ACAP Client Debra Patterson, ACAP Staff Doreen Reichert, Parent of Daughter on Waiting List Kathy Strait, Health & Human Services (H&HS) Director Peter Schuler, Clinical Services Manager Mike DeMares, Long Term Care Manager Jack Bodien, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Pat Voss, Intake & Support Services Manager Antwayne Robertson, and Administrative Services Manager Russ Kutz.

## **Committee Agenda Items**

### **Approve Minutes of February 24, 2005**

MOTON: Kramer moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the committee minutes of 2-24-05. Stamsta advised of a correction on page 1. Motion carried 5-0 as corrected.

### **Legislative Update**

Esler advised that State Rep. Lasse will reintroduce the TABOR (Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) bill on April 15.

### **Correspondence**

Stamsta referred to an excerpt from the 2004 year-end general funds budget report which includes the Senior Services Department, the Public Health Division, and the Veterans' Services Department. Copies had been distributed to each committee member for informational purposes.

### **Announcements**

Regarding the Wisconsin County Human Services Association Spring Conference, Stroud announced that all single rooms at the Osthoff Resort are gone, except for one night. Single rooms are available at a different hotel one block away and if anyone was interested in their phone number, they could contact her.

Kipp arrived at 1:03 p.m.

Wutt announced that the National Alliance for the Mental Ill (NAMI) is having their annual convention on April 29 and 30 and their annual walk on April 29 at the Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc.

### **Executive Committee Report March 21, 2005**

Stamsta advised of the following issues discussed at the 3-21-05 Executive Committee meeting.

- Reviewed a draft resolution supporting a state-sponsored bill on campaign finance reform.
- Approved ordinance 159-O-131 accepting additional grant funds for the UW-Extension Department.
- Reviewed applications for additional UW-Extension grants. These include funding for combating childhood obesity, and A Drug Free Community, among others.
- Discussed the UW-Waukesha Northview Hall renovation capital project. This has been placed on hold until the future of the facility has been decided.

### **Board Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of February 24, 2004**

MOTION: Wutt moved, second by Guy to approve the board minutes of 2-24-05. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Announcements**

Farrell said the next meeting (combined with the H&HS Committee) was scheduled for April 14 with presentations on goals and objectives by the Public Health and AODA Advisory committees.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

### **Board Agenda Items**

#### **Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee (DDAC) Needs List Presentation**

Adams discussed the handout entitled “2006 DDAC Goals and Recommendations” as outlined. Their four goals and objectives are as follows:

1. The DDAC recommends collaboration with the H&HS Board in order to protect the most vulnerable citizens as staff works to trim current programs in order to allow for new services for new clients.
2. In order to protect and ensure quality programming while meeting the directives to increase efficiency and change programming, they recommend balancing preservation of current services with what seems to be inevitable program rearrangements. Additionally, they recommend that the Board, staff, and DDAC work to carefully discern the levels of programming necessary based upon state mandated services for people with developmental disabilities (Chapter 51), program necessities (safe shelter for sleep and safety during waking hours), and programs for maintaining the quality of life which allow people with developmental disabilities to continue as active participants in the community.

3. The DDAC supports and recommends continued discussion about initiating a county sales tax in Waukesha County as already exists in 54 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. This would serve as a source of revenue in this time of deficit, both for property tax relief and support of human services programming.

4. They also recommend that the Board participate with the DDAC in identifying officials and government representatives at the state level who have influence to increase long overdue state funds to match the growing costs of providing services to this vulnerable population. After identified, they envision a small delegation of DDAC and H&HS Board members visiting these key people in Madison during the year 2005 in order to have their questions answered and make their voices heard directly.

Bretl gave a presentation on Waukesha Training Center programming and Patterson spoke on behalf of the Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP). Strait talked about her developmentally disabled daughter who has been waiting for services since 1998 due to a consistent lack of state funding.

### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Review and Approve Receipt of State Funding for Innovative Approvals to Serve Individuals with Serious Mental Illness**

DeMares said the State put out an RFP, a grant proposal, back in January for counties wanting to request dollars for innovative approaches to serve individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless. Staff decided to apply because some of the State requirements were things the County was already doing or wanted to expand on, including the County's Jail Diversion Program. The grant will allow the County to expand this program aimed at individuals in the jail who have homeless issues.

The County was awarded \$23,000 from the Bureau of Mental Health and the ordinance to accept the grant is currently being drafted. DeMares said they will be meeting with jail staff next week to discuss hiring a part-time case manager. This person will be located at the jail for about four hours a day, five days a week. Schuler noted this position has been an objective of the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council for three years. He said if this is successful, they will do what they can to continue the program for future years. DeMares advised this is guaranteed funding for 2005 with the potential for additional funds for 2006. As it's always the case with State funding, funds beyond 2006 are unknown.

### **Combined Committee/Board Agenda Items**

#### **Community Human Services Providers' Liability Insurance Problems**

Bodien referred to an article from the Wisconsin Counties magazine entitled "Community Human Service Providers Face Crisis with Liability Insurance Coverages." Bodien said when the County contracts with a provider, we clearly identify the expectation that they obtain certain levels of liability insurance. This article talks about increases in liability insurance. For example, the premium for one agency went from \$25,000 to \$125,000 in one year. (They had

filed a claim but it was only \$16,000). The insurance industry is stating they are losing money on liability insurance, i.e., they're paying out more than what's coming in.

Bodien said there is a family-run adult family home that was paying about \$1,200 a year for liability coverage. Their insurer decided they would no longer provide that line of coverage and they couldn't find any other provider offering the same. Bodien said they contacted the County's Risk Management Division who are knowledgeable in this area and did find an agency willing to provide the coverage but it cost \$5,000. With a family-owned operation, there is no profit to be made so these costs are passed on to the County.

In addition, a large, local residential provider had a claim filed against them. Their risk manager suggested they review all clients and any who had the potential to become involved in a claim they would no longer serve. Bodien said the County was given 30-days notice on each of those individuals and we had to find another provider.

Bodien advised that these insurance problems could, and probably would, result in fiscal impacts on the County in the future.

### **Wisconsin Community Services 2004 Summary Accomplishments**

Voss distributed copies of "Wisconsin Community Services—2004 Summary Accomplishments" which he discussed in detail. Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) provides six social service programs through contract with the Adolescent & Family Services Division of the H&HS Department. The following is a summary of performance by each program in 2004.

The outcome target for the Mediation Program is that 80% of program participants will not re-offend following completion. A preliminary outcome measure (tracking is ongoing) indicates that 87% of juveniles completing this program have not re-offended.

Outcome targets for the Restitution / Community Service Program are 100% of cases closed and will have paid full restitution, and 100% of cases closed will have performed all community service hours ordered by the court. In 2004, 75% of monetary restitution cases closed were successful. A total of \$72,421.65 in restitution was paid to victims by program participants. In 2004, 86% of community service cases were successful. There were a total of 5,886 community services hours completed by participant.

Outcome targets for the Sanction Work Program are detention days saved (2 days in detention = 1 day of work) and 100% of participants will successfully complete their community service. There were 157 detention days saved during 2004, and 93% of juveniles ordered to participate successfully completed their community service obligation.

Outcome targets for the Intensive Tracking Program are that 75% of participants will not be placed in out-of-home care. A secondary outcome is that 75% of participants will not re-offend during program participation. During 2004, 93% of participants were diverted from out-of-home placement. Equivalent cost savings of \$733,000. There was an 80% reduction in offending behavior of participants during program involvement.

Outcome targets for the Home Detention / Intensive Supervision Program are that 75% of participants will not be placed in the Juvenile Center during program involvement, and 75% of

participants will not be referred back to court for rule violations during program involvement. A final target is that 85% of participants will be successfully discharged from the program. In 2004, 72% of cases served did not require placement in the Juvenile Center during program participation. Also, 65% of participants were not referred back to court for rule violations, and eventually, 92% of participants were discharged from the program as successful (behavioral compliance resulted in program termination).

The outcome target for the Adult Community Services Options Program is jail days saved. There were 2,376 Huber jail days saved (1 day saved = 24 hours of community service).

Kipp left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Review Governor's Budget**

Kutz, Schuler, and division managers highlighted the Governor's budget, in particular, those items that pose significant adverse impacts to efficient and quality service delivery, suggest fiscal threat (resulting in a need for increased use of tax levy), or suggest a new or expanded mandate without sufficient funding. Staff used the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's summary document as reference. The divisions potentially affected include Long Term Care, Clinical Services, and Adolescent & Family Services among others.

#### **Review the Dates of the Public Hearing and Joint Advisory Meeting**

Schuler said preparations for the H&HS Board's Public Hearing and Joint Advisory Committee meeting are going well. They are scheduled for May 2, 2005 at the Expo Center. Schuler noted that County Executive Finley will attend the public hearing.

#### **Joe Griffin Recognition at Mental Health Center Announcement**

Schuler discussed ideas staff are considering to recognize Supervisor Joe Griffin who passed away recently and was instrumental in developing the new Mental Health Center years ago. Schuler suggested planting trees at the Mental Health Center although this would be at the County's expense. Another idea was to do fundraising, in collaboration with the Mental Health Association, for a commemorative plaque in Griffin's honor. Schuler will keep the committee and board up-to-date.

MOTION: Kramer moved, second by Jeskewitz to adjourn the committee meeting at 4:16 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Guy moved, second by Stroud to adjourn the board meeting at 4:16 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Recorded by Mary Pedersen, Legislative Assistant, County Board Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin  
Secretary